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1. MFA DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION DEPT CHIEF PEKKA MALINEN TOLD DCM JUNE 10 THAT PRELIMINARY FINNISH EVALUATION OF SEVENTH SS PROSPECTS WAS THAT CONFRONTATION CAN BE AVOIDED. HE BELIEVES PERIOD OF SS TOO SHORT FOR ANY PRACTICAL ACCOMPLISHMENT BUT WILL BE USED BY GROUP OF 77 TO ASCERTAIN IF DC'S SHOWING SPIRIT TO MEET MINIMUM OBJECTIVES OF LDC'S. FINNISH EVALUATION BASED IN PART ON RECENT MEETING IN NEW YORK BETWEEN NORDICS AND 27 LDC'S.

2. AT MEETING BETWEEN NORDICS AND 27 LDCS, GOF
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REPRESENTATIVE KARHILO SAID FINLAND HAD NO SPECIFIC

RESERVATIONS ON DOCUMENTS OF SIXTH SS, VOTED IN FAVOR OF CHARTER ON ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES, FAVORS AN IMPROVEMENT IN LDC TERMS OF TRADE AND REFORM OF INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SYSTEM WITH FULL LDC PARTICIPATION, AND SUPPORTS A LINK BETWEEN SDRS AND DEVELOPMENT FINANCING.

3. MALINEN ASKED ABOUT US EVALUATION OF SS PROSPECTS AND WAS TOLD WHILE EMB NOT YET IN POSITION TO GIVE EVALUATION, US WAS ENGAGING IN DIALOGUE WITH LDC MODERATES IN EFFORT PROMOTE COOPERATION RATHER THAN CONFRONTATION. MALINEN OFFERED TO MEET AGAIN IN EARLY JULY BY WHICH TIME HE EXPECTED HAVE BETTER ASSESSMENT.

4. MALINEN INDICATED DOUBT FINLAND WOULD BE ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN OECD HIGH LEVEL GROUP STUDYING COMMODITIES OR AD HOC GROUP STUDYING RELATIONS WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, DUE TO LARGE NUMBER OF MEETINGS COMING UP. HE DEPRECATED LIKELIHOOD OF OPEC PRICE RISE OR ESTABLISHMENT OF EFFECTIVE CARTELS CONTROLLING PRICE OF OTHER COMMODITIES.

5. AT MEETING JUNE 2, MFA SEC GEN TUOVINEN TOLD DCM FINLAND WAS SEEKING FULL OBSERVER STATUS WITH GROUP OF 77 IN TIME FOR FORTHCOMING SRI LANKA MEETING. HE ALSO CLAIMED FINLAND HAD RESERVATIONS ABOUT SECTIONS OF THE CHARTER ON ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES, ALTHOUGH VOTING FOR THE CHARTER AS A WHOLE. FURTHERMORE HE SAID CURRENT FINNISH BALANCE OF PAYMENTS SITUATION WILL REQUIRE CUT IN FINNISH FOREIGN AID BUDGET.
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